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C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested.

1.　(Currently Amended)　A method for displaying specified resource usage according to a system element, said method comprising the steps of:

determining a usage status for at least one resource utilized by a computer system; and

responsive to detecting a window displayed within a user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, adjusting a shading of a preexisting window element within said window to indicate said usage status of said at least one resource as utilized by said particular system element, wherein said preexisting window element is initially displayed for a purpose other than indicating said usage status, such that a display area for specifying said usage of said at least one resource avoids utilizing additional screen real estate for creating a status indicator.

2.　(Original)　The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said step of determining a usage status, further comprising the step of:

determining said usage status for said at least one resource comprising at least one from among a software element, a hardware element, and a network element.

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3.   (Original) The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

detecting said window displayed within said user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said plurality of system elements comprise at least one from among a software element, a hardware element, and a network element.

4.   (Original) The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

detecting said window displayed within said user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said window is open within said user interface.

5.   (Original) The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

detecting said window displayed within said user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said window is minimized within said user interface.

6.   **(Currently Amended)** The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said step of adjusting a shading further comprising the step of:

adjusting a transparency of a transparent image overlay within said window element to indicate said usage status.

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7.   (Currently Amended) The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said step of adjusting a shading further comprising the step of:

adjusting a transparent image overlay in a transparent gradient increasing in a particular direction to indicate a change in said usage status.

8.   (Original) The method for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 1, said step of adjusting a shading further comprising the step of:

adjusting a shading of a preexisting window element, wherein said preexisting window element comprises at least one from among a title bar, a scroll bar, a frame handle, and a minimized window icon.

9.   (Currently Amended) A system for displaying specified resource usage comprising:

a graphical user interface;

means for determining a usage status for at least one resource utilized by a computer system; and

means responsive to detecting a window displayed within a said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, adjusting a shading of a preexisting window element within said window to indicate said usage status of said at least one resource as utilized by said particular system element, wherein said preexisting window element is initially displayed for a purpose other than indicating said usage status.

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10.   (Original) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said means for determining a usage status further comprising:

means for determining said usage status for said at least one resource comprising at least one from among a software element, a hardware element, and a network element.

11.   (Original) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said system further comprising:

means for detecting said window displayed within said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said plurality of system elements comprise at least one from among a software element, a hardware element, and a network element.

12.   (Original) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said system further comprising:

means for detecting said window displayed within said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said window is open within said user interface.

13.   (Original) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said system further comprising:

means for detecting said window displayed within said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said window is minimized within said user interface.

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14.   (**Currently Amended**) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said means for adjusting a shading further comprising:

means for adjusting <u>a transparency of</u> a transparent image overlay within said window element to indicate <u>said</u> usage status.

15.   (**Currently Amended**) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said means for adjusting a shading further comprising:

means for adjusting a transparent image overlay in a <u>transparent</u> gradient increasing in a particular direction to indicate <u>a change in said</u> usage status.

16.   (Original) The system for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 9, said means for adjusting a shading further comprising:

means for adjusting a shading of a preexisting window element, wherein said preexisting window element comprises at least one from among a title bar, a scroll bar, a frame handle, and a minimized window icon.

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17.   (Currently Amended) A program for displaying specified resource usage, residing on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for determining a usage status for at least one resource utilized by a computer system; and

means for controlling adjustment of a shading of a preexisting window element within a window within a graphical user interface to indicate said usage status of said at least one resource as utilized by a particular system element associated with said window from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said preexisting window element is initially displayed for a purpose other than indicating said usage status.

18.   (Original) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for determining said usage status for said at least one resource comprising at least one from among a software element, a hardware element, and a network element.

19.   (Original) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for detecting said window displayed within said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said plurality of system elements comprise at least one from among a software element, a hardware element, and a network element.

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20. (Original) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for detecting said window displayed within said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said window is open within said user interface.

21. (Original) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for detecting said window displayed within said graphical user interface in association with a particular system element from among a plurality of system elements, wherein said window is minimized within said user interface.

22. (Currently Amended) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for controlling adjustment of a transparency of a transparent image overlay within said window element to indicate said usage status.

23. (Currently Amended) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for controlling adjustment of a transparent image overlay in a transparent gradient increasing in a particular direction to indicate a change in said usage status.

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24.   (Original) The program for displaying specified resource usage according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for controlling adjustment of a shading of a preexisting window element, wherein said preexisting window element comprises at least one from among a title bar, a scroll bar, a frame handle, and a minimized window icon.

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